Q. *Was Allen Dulles or any other CIA director ever involved in an assassination plot on the life of the late Chou En-lai, premier of the People's Republic of China?—F.R.E., Berkeley, Cal.*

A. There is some information that the CIA knew of a plot by Chinese Nationalist agents to assassinate Chou En-lai by planting a bomb in an Air India plane in which Chou was scheduled to fly to Indonesia in April 1955. However, Chou did not take that particular plane in which the bomb was detonated. John Discoe Smith, an American, was alleged to have been involved in the plot, but the CIA denied any relationship with Smith. Chou discussed the incident with Henry Kissinger when they met in Peking.